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**Northeast Man Sentenced to Ninety-One Years in Prison  
in Connection With Shooting Death of 17-year Old Youth**

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**Washington, D.C.** - Antonio R. Harvey, 18, also known as “Head,” of the 1200 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Northeast, was sentenced today in D.C. Superior Court to ninety-one years in prison for the shooting death of seventeen-year old Julian Agurs, announced United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. Agurs was shot in the back as he ran from a car containing Harvey on January 8, 2008, in the 1300 block of Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast, in the Saratoga neighborhood. Judge Michael L. Rankin presided over the trial, and sentenced the defendant.

Evidence presented at trial established that on January 8, 2008, Harvey was driving his car in the 1300 block of Rhode Island Avenue, N.E., when he rolled down his window and started cursing and yelling at a group of eight youths from the Saratoga neighborhood. The decedent, Julian Agurs, who was celebrating his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends, yelled back, cursing and saying, among other things, “it’s my birthday.” Harvey and one other person in the car responded with a fusillade of shots, one of which passed through Agurs heart as he ran from the scene. Two other youths, a thirteen-year old boy and a sixteen-year old boy, suffered gunshot wounds as well.

The government also established at trial that Harvey had previously shot at one of the boys in the crowd on October 15, 2007, and had wounded that youth in the foot. The jury convicted defendant Harvey for this shooting, as well as for shooting at the youths on January 8, 2008.

In announcing the sentence, Acting United States Attorney Phillips commended the dedicated and outstanding work of MPD Homicide Detective Carol Queen, who was the lead detective, Homicide

Detectives Tony Patterson and Jamell G. Stallings, Fifth District Officers Kate Wiedefeld and James Chatmon, Fifth District Detective Anthony Commodore, Sixth District Detective Joseph Newel, MPD Mobile Crime Technician J.D. Smith, Crime Scene Search Officer Rodney Langford, K-9 Branch Officer Kelvin Dyson, and Emergency Response Technician Sergeant Raymond Chambers. He further praised the outstanding efforts of United States Attorney's Office Paralegal Specialist Ethel Gregory, Litigation Technology Unit specialist Jeanie Latimore-Brown, Victim Witness specialists Marcey Rinker and Laverne Forrest, former Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexandra Foster, who investigated the case, AUSA Michael Ambrosino, who assisted with forensic issues in the case, and AUSA David Saybolt who prosecuted the case at trial.

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